URBAN DISTRICT OF PENARTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1944.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE.

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PENARTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS of the
PENARTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

As you are aware your Medical Officer of Health Dr Chas, A. Jones died before the completion of this Annual Report, and I therefore have the honour of submitting a report which has been compiled from the records available.

The vital statistics again show a considerable increase in the Birth Rate, the peak figure reached last year has again been broken, whilst the Infantile Mortality Rate of 22 per 1000 is a considerable decline over the figures for the past 10 years. The death rate remains fairly constant being 14·6 per 1000 estimated population, the highest proportion of deaths being due to heart-disease. There was one death from diarrhoea in children under two years of age.

Seven cases of diphtheria were notified, two of which were at Llandough Hospital. Scarlet Fever notifications increased slightly during the year although at no time was there any serious outbreak.

During the year arrangements were concluded under which the Council relinquished the Isolation Hospital which has now been taken over by the Welsh National Memorial Association as a Tuberculosis Hospital, and arrangements made whereby any cases on Infectious Disease necessitating hospital treatment were removed to the Cardiff City Isolation Hospital.

There were 8 deaths from Tuberculosis during the year, while 25 new cases were notified.

The need for the provision of houses is still acute, and whilst it is agreed that the man-power situation and the supply of materials makes the problem a difficult one, I feel that every effort should be made to adopt schemes of building so that when conditions improve an immediate resumption can be made.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my colleagues for their loyal co-operation in the compiling of this report.

I am,
Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

LEO CHECCHI.

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

PHYSICAL FEATURES.

The Urban District of Penarth comprises the Parishes of Penarth Cogan and Llandough, the latter parish having rural characteristics. The Geological structure of the district is made up as follows:-

Red and Grey Marls.....	1,024 Acres.
Lower Lias.....	807 Acres.
Estuarine Mud.....	205 Acres.
Rhaetic.....	122 Acres.
Foreshore.....	305 Acres.

The elevation above sea level is 200 feet in the Northern portion of the area,with a gentle slope to 40 feet at its Southern boundary.

The Eastern Boundary and a portion of the Northern are washed by the waters of the Bristol Channel which pursues its course towards the Southern Boundary,therefore any winds between a North-easterly and a South-easterly come across the channel.

The District is exceptionally well wooded, its streets being for the most part avenues of trees which in Summer afford a welcome shade. It is well provided with modern public swimming baths, recreation grounds, parks and open spaces,and possesses to the fullest extent all the conveniences and comforts so desirable in both a residential locality and a summer seaside resort; it combines all the advantages of a modern well equipped town with the charm of country life and the health breezes of the seaside.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area (including fore-shore).....	2,508 acres.
Population (census 1931).....	17,710.
Number of inhabited houses.....	4,359.
Rateable value.....	£125,242.
Sum represented by 1d rate.....	£497.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES.
No: of live births. (Legitimate)....	257	130	127
No: of live births.(illegitimate)...	20	12	8

BIRTH RATE OF ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION:-

No: of still births (illegitimate)..	2	2	Nil
No: of still births (Legitimate)....	11	5	6

Still Birth rate 50·5 per 1,000 Births, and 0·85 per 1000 estimated population.

Number of deaths 109 males, and 114 females....total 223

Death rate of estimated resident population 14·5 per 1000.

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis.....Nil

Deaths from Puerperal causes.....Nil

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATES.

All Infants per 1,000 live Births..... 22

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Number of Deaths from Measles (All Ages).....Nil

Number of Deaths from Whooping Cough (All Ages).....Nil

Number of Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years of age)..1

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS.

TABLE 1.

Shows the Birth and Death Rates for the past 10 years in England and Wales, Glamorgan and Penarth.

TABLE 1.

BIRTHS					DEATHS.			
BIRTH RATE PER 1000 POPULATION					UNDER 1 YEAR		AT ALL AGES	
YEAR	NO:	PENARTH	ENGLAND & WALES	GLAMORGAN.	NO:	Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Births Registered	NO:	Rate per 1000 Pop:
1934	229	13·1	14·8	16·5	11	48	210	12·0
1935	208	12·1	14·7	16·0	11	53	218	12·7
1936	207	12·2	14·8	15·4	11	53	181	10·7
1937	200	12·2	14·9	15·3	16	80	209	12·7
1938	202	12·6	15·1	15·4	11	54	189	11·8
1939	193	12·0	15·0	13·1	9	41	225	13·8
1940	203	12·2	14·6	17·2	16	79	244	14·6
1941	229	14·6	14·2	16·7	11	48	240	15·2
1942	248	15·9	15·8	18·2	10	40	191	12·3
1943	266	17·4	16·5	18·4	13	49	199	13·0
1944	277	18·1	17·6	19·4	6	22	223	14·6

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALE	FEMALE.
1. Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fever	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	1
5. Diphtheria	1	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	6	2
7. Other Tuberculosis Disease	-	-
8. Syphilitic Disease	1	-
9. Influenza	2	2
10. Measles	-	-
11. Ac.Polio-Myelitis & Polio Encephalitis	-	-
12. Ac. Infa Encephalitis	-	1
13. Cancer of Buc.Cav.& Oesoph.(m)Uterus (f)	1	1
14. Cancer of stomach & Duodenum	4	2
15. Cancer of Breast	-	4
16. Cancer of all other sites	8	6
17. Diabetes	-	1
18. Intra-cranial Vasc.Lesions	9	12
19. Heart Disease	34	32
20. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	7	11
21. Bronchitis	4	5
22. Pneumonia (all forms)	4	-
23. Other respiratory Diseases	1	-
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	1
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	-
26. Appendicitis	-	-
27. Other Digestive Diseases	1	2
28. Nephritis	4	7
29. Puerperal & Post Abort Sepsis	-	-
30. Other Matern.Causes	-	-
31. Premature Births	-	-
32. Congenital Mal; Birth Injuries	1	1
33. Suicide	-	2
34. Road Traffic Accidents	-	1
35. Violent causes	3	3
36. All other causes	15	17
ALL CAUSES	109	114
TOTAL	223	

Table 11. shows the number of Births and the Infantile Mortality Rate for the County and District of Glamorgan during 1944.

TABLE 11.

DISTRICT	No; of BIRTHS	DEATHS under 1 year	RATE per 1000 BIRTHS
Administrative County of Glamorgan	13,675	655	48
ABERDARE	689	25	36
BARRY	746	34	46
BRIDGEND	249	7	28
CAERPHILLY	731	35	48
COWBRIDGE	22	2	91
GELLYGAER	791	54	68
GLYNCORRWG	214	12	56
LLWCHWR	463	19	41
MAESTEG	430	38	88
MOUNTAIN ASH	635	33	52
NEATH BOROUGH	533	18	34
OGMORE & GARW	462	28	61
PENARTH	277	6	22
PONTYPRIDD	778	40	51
PORTHCAWL	147	7	48
PORT TALBOT BOROUGH	749	32	43
RHONDDA	2058	104	51
TOTAL FOR DISTRICT	9974	494	50

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASES.

During the year the following cases were notified:-

Cerebro Spinal Fever	5	Including	5	from	Llandough Hospital
Scarlet Fever	34	"	1	"	"
Whooping Cough	10	"	6	"	"
Diphtheria	7	"	2	"	"
Erysepelas	4	"	1	"	"
Pneumonia	150	"	142	"	"
Dysentry	76	"	76	"	"
Malaria	3	"	3	"	"
Tuberculosis Non Pulm	8	"	2	"	"
Tuberculosis Pulm	20	"	1	"	"
Measles	6				

DISINFECTION.

24 Patients were removed to hospital, 10 rooms were disinfected after infection, and 38 bags of bedding and clothing were treated in the Steam Disinfector at the Isolation Hospital, together with the undermentioned additional items:-

Blankets	669	Pillows	88
Mattresses	112	Towels	7
Rugs	13	Cushions	2
Coats	1	Dusters	2
Pillow slips	14	Tea-cloths	2

The Isolation Hospital which was provided by the Local Authority at Llandough consisted of the following:-

An Administration Block
An Observation Block
Wards with accommodation for 32 Patients
Large Army Hut fitted with Bath & Sanitary Conveniences

The Hospital was however transferred over to the Welsh National Memorial Association as a Tuberculosis Hospital on the 15th July, when arrangements were made for Infectious Disease cases to be admitted into the Cardiff City Isolation Hospital.

The undermentioned cases were admitted and treated during the period prior to transfer:-

1 Pneumonia
23 Scarlet Fever.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE (Contd:)

Arrangements have been made with the City of Cardiff Authority for the treatment and removal of cases of Small-Pox which may occur in the District. The number of children successfully vaccinated by the Medical Officer of Health as Public Vaccinator was 55.

There are no Hospitals in the District for the treatment of Tuberculosis, Maternity, and children etc, but advantage is taken of the proximity of the City of Cardiff which is well provided with large up to date Hospitals. A large modern general Hospital situated at Llandough is within this district and is provided by the Cardiff City Council for the treatment of acute surgical and medical cases, and contains 340 beds.

The Local Authority provides and maintains a Motor Ambulance Service for the conveyance of Infectious Disease cases, non infectious disease cases, maternity and accident cases.

During the year a total of 1,200 patients were conveyed to and from Hospitals, Nursing Homes etc.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following pathological and bacteriological examinations were made at the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory:-

Diphtheria.....	129
Swabs Meningitis.....	3
Haemolytic Strept.....	18
Ringworm.....	1
Faeces ? Dysentry.....	1
Milks.....	71
Water. Bacteriological & Chemical.....	11
Faeces ? Food Poisoning...	27

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The following table shows the incidence of notifiable Diseases during the year 1944.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

DISEASES	All Ages	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	over 65 years	(1)	(2)	(3)
Scarlet Fever	34	-	-	2	4	2	10	14	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	31
Whooping Cough	10	4	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-
Diphtheria	7	1	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5
Erysipelas	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	3	-
Measles	6	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-
Pneumonia	150	2	1	4	4	4	19	5	10	23	29	29	17	142	7	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	5	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	1
Dysentry	76	-	-	3	-	1	5	1	14	38	5	9	-	76	-	-
Malaria	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	3	-	-
TOTALS	295	10	5	14	12	9	39	22	26	63	38	39	18	235	22	38

The figures shown under (1) (2) (3) represent the following:-

(1) Notified by Glandough Hospital
(2) Cases treated at home.
(3) Cases admitted to hospital.

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TUBERCULOSIS.

The Tuberculosis Physician Dr Gilchrist has kindly compiled the following table in connection with the treatment of Tuberculosis during the year 1944. The figures in parentheses denote the corresponding cases for the year 1943.

Number of new cases seen	(146)	215
Number found to be suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis	(6)	17
Number found to be suffering from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	(3)	3
Number with no evidence of Tuberculosis	(120)	179
Number still under observation	(17)	16

AGE PERIODS	New cases Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		DEATHS Pulmonary		Non-Pulm	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 -15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 -20	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
20 -25	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -35	2	4	-	1	1	-	-	-
35 -45	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-
45 -55	2	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
55--65	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Over 65	1	-	-	1	--	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	10	3	3	5	1	-	2
	25				8			

ADMISSIONS TO TREATMENT

AGE PERIODS	PULMONARY								NON-PULMONARY							
	1 - 5		5 - 15		15 & Over		All Ages		1 - 5		5 - 15		15 & Over		All Ages	
	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f	m	f
INSTITUTIONAL	-	-	1	1	13	5	14	6	-	-	-	1	2	1	2	2
DOMICILIARY	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
DISPENSARY	-	-	-	-	7	4	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	2	1	20	9	23	10	1	-	-	1	2	1	3	2
	TOTAL.....33.								.....5.							

PUBLIC HEALTH (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925.

No person suffering from Tuberculosis was found to be engaged in the production or distribution of milk.

MATERNITY & CHILD WELFARE.

CLINICS.

The Clinics and treatment centres under the Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme have been established at:-

(a) The "Catherine Jenkins" Infant Welfare Institute "Beecroft" Stanwell Road, Penarth.

(b) The Methodist Chapel, Dock Street, Cogan

(c) The Presbyterian School-room Plassey Street, Penarth.

(d) "Penllan House" Llandough.

Consultations take place as follows:-

(a) "Beecroft" twice weekly.....Monday & Thursday....3-0 p.m.

(b) Presbyterian School-room....Tuesdays from.....3-0 p.m.

(c) Methodist Chapel Cogan.....Friday from.....3-0 p.m.

(d) "Penllan House" Alternate Friday's.....4-0 -5-0 p.m.

Ante-natal consultations are held from 10-0 a.m. at "Beecroft" on the second and last Wednesday in each month.

A Birth control and Gynaecological Clinic is also held at "Beecroft" on the first and third Wednesday in each month from 11-0 a.m. under the direction of the Glamorgan County Council.

DENTAL TREATMENT

Under the arrangement made with the Glamorgan Education Authority for the service of a Lady Dental Surgeon to give Dental Treatment to expectant Mothers, & Children under school age, the following work has been carried out at "Beecroft" during the year.

	MOTHERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
No of Attendances	54	8	62
No of Extractions	10	0	10
No of fillings	2	4	6
No of other treatments	9	3	12
No treated under N20	24	0	24

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

In all cases of Puerperal Fever a copy of the certificate is immediately forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health who arranges for all investigations to be made.

CHILDRENS ACT 1908

The duties required by the Act are carried out by the Health Visitors.

NURSERY SCHOOL.

The war-time Nursery School at No: 45 Clive Place has proved to be very successful, and to be of great assistance to those parents who are by day employed on work of National Importance.

The average daily attendance has been over 23, with approximately 10 of these being under 2 years of age.

The Medical Officer of Health examines the children each month.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The District is within the area of supply of the City of Cardiff, and receives a constant service of upland surface water from the Brecknock Beacons.

By arrangement with the County Council samples are taken to the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory for Chemical and Bacteriological examination.

The number of samples collected by the Sanitary Inspectors for bacteriological and chemical analysis are set out here-under :-

TYPE OF SAMPLE	No: TAKEN	NO: SATISFACTORY	NO: Un-SATISFACTORY
Bacteriological	6	6	Nil
Chemical	3	3	Nil
TOTAL	9	9	Nil

CHEMICAL SAMPLES TAKEN.

Number of sample	Collected on	labelled	Remarks.
1	3rd Feb: 1944	Main Stanwell Road, Penarth	The chemical and physical characters are satisfactory.
2	18th December 1944	Main, Clive Place, Penarth	Chemical analysis indicates the sample to be fairly soft, neutral water, with no evidence of any organic contamination
3	18th December 1944	Main, Stanwell Road, Penarth	Chemical analysis indicates the sample to be fairly soft neutral water with no evidence of any organic contamination

All the dwelling-houses within the Urban District are supplied with water from a public mains supply.

BACTERIOLOGICAL SAMPLES TAKEN.

Number of Sample	Collected on	Labelled	Remarks
1.	February 4th 1944	Main, Stanwell Road, Penarth.	Satisfactory
2.	October 2nd 1944	Main, Stanwell Road, Penarth.	Satisfactory
3.	December 2nd 1944	Albert Road School, Penarth	Satisfactory
4.	December 2nd 1944	Victoria School Penarth.	Satisfactory
5.	December 21st 1944	Tap, West House Stanwell Road, Penarth.	Satisfactory
6.	December 21st 1944	Main Supply Penarth.	Satisfactory

SWIMMING BATHS.

The swimming baths are under constant supervision and two samples of the water were collected during 1944 and submitted to the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory for chemical and bacteriological examination, and were found to be satisfactory.

SCHOOLS.

Situated in the district are the following schools:-

Penarth Intermediate School
Victoria Council School
Albert Road Council School
Cogan Council School
Penarth C. of E. School
Penarth R. C. School.
Llandough C. of E. School.

The latter school has not been used sinced damaged by enemy action in 1941.

The whole of the schools are provided with a constant supply of pure water, good drainage and sanitary fittings, urinals etc., which are flushed with automatic tanks.

VERMINOUS INFESTATION.

Owing to the infestation of bugs etc, the Council has found it necessary to make provision for the dis-infestation at a minimum charge of £1-1-0 per house. The eradication of the bug is brought about by means of gaseous dis-infection after removal of all infested wood-work.

During the year one Council House was found to be infested; 21 privately owned houses were found to be infested, and these were all subsequently dealt with.

In addition arrangements were made for the periodic treatment in the steam disinfector at the Isolation Hospital of blankets, and bedding from the various Fire-Watching Depots, First Aid Post, and Rescue Centres. Blankets and bedding of persons suffering from scabies have also similarly been dealt with.

SUPERVISION AND INSPECTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

MILK.

There are 21 purveyors of milk registered in the district their premises are constantly inspected, and all are required to provide proper dairy facilities for the storage and sale of milk.

The purveyors of milk in the district are made up as follows:-

Producers.....6
Producer-retailers.....4
Other Retailers of milk...12
Non resident retailers.... 5

Close supervision is maintained by the Inspectors on dairies and cowsheds, and all the persons engaged in the production and distribution of milk.

Under the Milk (Special Designation) Order, one establishment is licensed for bottling and selling Tuberculin-tested milk, one establishment is licensed to sell Pasteurised milk.

During the year 70 samples of milk of all grades were taken and submitted to the Cardiff and County Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological examination, in addition 8 samples were examined for Tubercle Bacilli, and one for fat content, set out below are the results obtained:-

DESIGNATED MILK.

SAMPLES TAKEN BY	NO: of Samples	No: Satisfactory	No: of Mod.bact purity	No: Unsatisfactory
Sanitary Inspectors	35	30	2	3

UN-DESIGNATED MILK

Samples Taken By	No: of Samples	No: Satisfactory	No: of Mod: bact Purity	No: Unsatisfactory
Sanitary Inspectors	35	27	2	6

SAMPLES TESTED for the Presence of TUBERCLE BACILLI

Samples Taken By	No: of Samples	No: Satisfactory	No: Un-Satisfactory
Sanitary Inspectors	8	8	Nil

There are 10 farms in the District at each of which the cowsheds are fitted with modern drinking bowls for each cow, the drinking bowls being served by a constant water supply. Frequent inspections are made at all farms and dairy premises.

MEAT & FOOD INSPECTION.

There are 16 Butchers Shops in the District, and all the shops and vehicles to which the meat regulations apply are constantly inspected and surveyed. All are kept in good condition.

During the year the following articles of food were upon examination found to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered from the shops in the Town and destroyed.

Savoury Lunch	9	Tins	Luncheon Meat	43	Tins
Sausage Meat	11	"	Chopped Pork	13	"
Chopped Ham	7	"	Steak (Beef)	4	"
Baked Beans	56	"	Vegetable Soup	6	"
Plums	45	"	Damsons	2	"
Plum Jam	1	"	Party Loaf	3	"
Prem	4	"	Minced Loaf	3	"
Household Milk	26	"	Minced Beef	8	"
Pork Luncheon Meat	29	"	Spinach	3	"
Luncheon Tongue	1	"	Crab Paste	1	"
Apricot Jam	2	"	Jam	41	"
Spaghettl	9	lbs	Peas	117	lbs
Veal	366	lbs	Flour	38	lbs
Frozen Beef	85	lbs	Suet	1	lb
Minced Beef	5	lbs	Sausages	12	lbs
Rice	45	lbs	Soap Flakes	2½	lbs
Meat Paste	2	jars	Bovril	1	jar
Kipper paste	1	jar	Marmite	1	jar
Flour	3	bags	Swiss Rolls	2	
Potatoes	1 ton 16 cwt 76 lbs				

MEAT & FOOD INSPECTION. (CONTD:)

Herrings	2	Tins	Salmon	23	Tins
Pilchards	67	"	Sardines	20	"
Nestles Milk	42	"	Evaporated Milk	91	"
Full Cream Milk	9	"	Skimmed Milk	1	"
Ovaltine	1	"	Beet Root	4	"
Syrup	1	"	Marmalade	5	"
Soup	5	"	Spam	1	"
Stewed Steak	3	"	Dried Milk	3	"
Cheese	80	lbs	Sugar	94	lbs
Margarine	5½	lbs	Bacon	44	lbs
Maderia Cake	7	lbs	Frozen Pork	56	lbs
Nutmeg	1	lb	Coffee	4	lbs
Egg Powder	77	lbs	Haricot Beans	156	lbs
Tea	17½	lbs	Salt	6	lbs
Packet Oats	1	Pkt	Emergency Biscuits	26	pkts
Gravy Salt	43	Pkts	Corn-flakes	4	pkts
Wheat-flakes	2	Pkts	Butter	30½	lbs
Fish	5	Stone	Creamola Custard Pudding	10	Pkts
Cocoa	3	Cartons			
Dried Peaches	1	Carton			

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SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

The following table shows the amount of routine inspection work performed by the Sanitary Inspectors :-

Total number of Inspections and Visits.....8237

GENERAL SANITARY WORK.

Accumulations	39
Animals Kept	34
Ashpits & Ashbins	8
Cesspools	8
Water Closets	353
Complaints	555
Dirty Houses	42
Drains - existing	239
obstructed	103
re-laid	52
smoke-tested	46
Infectious Disease	110
Rooms Disinfected	72
Premises Disinfected	1
Interviews	1927
Public & Private Conveniences	121
Rats & Mice	1286
Schools	32
Shops Acts	38
Verminous Premises	97
Verminous Disinfestation	28
Water Supply	11
Water Samples	9
Miscellaneous Visits	1179.

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GENERAL SANITARY WORK (CONTD:)

HOUSING.

Houses Inspected.....458.
Houses re-inspected.....170.
Houses inspected re overcrowding... 21.
Miscellaneous visits..... 10.

FACTORIES.

Factories - Mechanical..... 37.
Factories - Non-mechanical..... 35.
Bakehouses..... 34.
Laundries..... 10.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

Meat & Food Inspections (day).....268.
Meat & Food Inspections (Evening).. 8.
Butchers Shops.....145.
Fish Shops..... 50.
Fried Fish Shops..... 10.
General Provision Shops.....255.
Others..... 46.
Food Preparation Premises..... 26.
Dairies..... 90.
Cowsheds and Farms..... 56.
Ice Cream Premises..... 4.
Samples - Milk Bacteriological.....114.

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HOUSING STATISTICS 1944.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1). (a). Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....458

(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose 628

(2) Total number of dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation..... 39

(3) Number of defective dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers. 15

(4) Proceedings under sections, 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act 1936.

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....39

(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice:-.....24

1. By Owners.....23.

2. By Local Authority in default of owners..... 1

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

(5) (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which informal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.....126

(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-

1. By Owners.....9

2. By Local Authority in default of owners.....Nil

Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936, and Sections 12 of the Housing Act.

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....Nil

(2) Number of Closing Orders made..... 1.

NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

Informal, Public Health Act 1936.....126
Statutory, Public Health Act 1936..... 9

Informal, Housing Act 1936..... 39
Statutory, Housing Act 1936..... 24

Informal, Rats and Mice Destruction Act 1919.. 11
Statutory, Rats and Mice Destruction Act 1919. 3

Number of letters dispatched from the Dept:..884

RESULT OF SERVICE.

Number of complaints received and dealt with.....591
Nuisances and other matters dealt with satisfactorily..210

Verbal intimation resulted in a considerable amount of work being executed without the need for further action.

Sanitary Improvements made, and defects remedied under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors.

EXTERIOR WORK.

Chimney stacks re-built or repaired.....4
Roofs repaired or renewed.....20
Rain-water pipes and eaves gutters renewed and repaired.....25
Walls - rebuilt or repaired.....10
Yards repaired..... 4
Boundary walls repaired..... 1

INTERIOR.

Doors and frames renewed and repaired..... 8
Floors renewed or repaired.....17
Grates or ovens renewed or repaired..... 4
Mantle-shelfs repaired or renewed..... 2
Walls replastered internally.....56
Ceilings re-plastered..... 6
Windows and frames repaired.....12
New sashcords provided.....15
Washing boilers repaired..... 1

DRAINAGE.

Drains repaired and re-laid.....23
Obstructed water closets cleared.....33
Obstructed drains cleared and cleansed.....32
New gullies provided..... 3
New inspection chambers provided..... 3
Interceptor traps provided..... 3
New soil pipes provided and ventilating shafts. 5
Sinks provided..... 1
New water closets provided.....18
Flushing cisterns renewed and repaired..... 7
Waste pipes repaired or renewed..... 4
Water pipes repaired..... 1

MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS ETC.

Back gates repaired or renewed..... 2
Yard area re-laid..... 4

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SHOPS.

506 visits to shops were made by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year, and the following improvements were carried out:-

3 Floors re-laid.
1 new wash-hand basin provided.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

The total number of visits paid by the Sanitary Inspectors to factories and workshops was 116, and the following improvements were carried out under supervision:-

1 New guard to machinery
1 New floor provided.
4 New water closets provided
2 New Urinals provided
1 Roof repaired.

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RATS & MICE DESTRUCTION ACT 1919.
INFESTATION ORDER 1943.

During the year 1944 a considerable amount of time and attention was paid by the Health Department on the destruction of rats and mice within the Urban District.

The Council appointed a full-time Rodent Operator who commenced his duties with this department in July, and consequently we were able to start a 100% drive in order to rid the town of these vermin.

The following table shows the amount of work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors and Rodent Operator during the year and also the results achieved,:-

Number of visits to rat infested premises.....	1771
Number of interviews given.....	1103
Number of visits to Council refuse tips.....	130
Number of visits in connection with sewer campaign..	2672
Number of complaints received and dealt with.....	281
Number of private premises completely cleared of rats.	33
Number of rats killed in sewer campaign.....	2500
Number of rats killed in surface treatments.....	1057
Amount of free rat poison issued.....	374

During the latter part of the year, two squads of men were formed from the Surveyor's staff and a campaign was carried out to rid the Council's sewers of rats. By the end of November all the sewer manholes and side entrances had been fitted with the necessary sewer equipment thus completing the preparation side of the work.

Throughout December the first treatment of the sewer rat treatment campaign within the Urban District was carried out and the most satisfactory results were obtained.

With regard to poison baits, in several instances condemned foods of the cereal type were used as bait base for the destruction of rats, a method which was found to be highly satisfactory.

An Officer of the Ministry of Foods, Rodent Department paid several visits to the District during the sewer campaign and was very satisfied with the results of the work which had been carried out.

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